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**Subject: Amendment to Trip Report
TRW DOT Division (former), 320/330 Nevada Street, Newton, Massachusetts**

Dear LaVonne:

This letter is an amendment to the site observations/concerns section of the Trip Report reconnaissance for the former TRW DOT Division site which was submitted to EPA Region 1 on September 26, 1997. This Trip Report was inadvertently submitted earlier than usual (it is normally submitted simultaneously with the Non-sampling Rationale). The site was discussed with Nancy Smith on September 10, 1997 regarding whether or not the site should be sampled. It was decided that the site should not be sampled.

In reviewing the site history in detail for inclusion in the Non-sampling Rationale, the following facts were noted:

- a ground penetrating radar survey was performed on the TRW DOT Division site by Weston Geophysical, Inc. in July, 1984. The purpose of the GPR survey was to determine the margin of the former Silver Lake and determine the locations of filled areas (Note: Silver Lake was filled in 1952 to make room for a parking area on site)
- Information provided by an anonymous informant was documented by the Superfund Site Assessment Program in a September 4, 1991 memorandum from William Hanscom, EPA Inspector, to Nancy Smith, EPA Site Assessment Manager. According to the informant, the building located at 320 Nevada Street was owned and operated by the Ucinite/DOT Corporation during the 1940s-1950s. During this time, the company disposed of drums and



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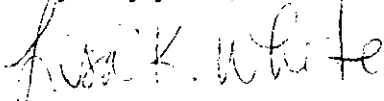
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liquid hazardous wastes in Silver Lake. The informant alleged that the Raytheon Corporation and the Hartz and Mason Corporation also used Silver Lake for hazardous waste disposal. The informant claims that he/she used to fill cans with "white gooey foam" which were ignited and used as "flame throwers." According to this informant, the 320 Nevada Street property (mill building) was later divided into several parcels and sold to Pat Franci, the Belli Brothers, and the Angelo Paolini Corporation. Drums of waste were said to have been buried by these new owners when Silver Lake was filled.

Stone & Webster's observation is that the site history does not cite an activity which specifically looked for buried drums (geophysical investigations, test pits, etc.). Given that the Trip Report is used to determine possible removal actions, this amendment to the Trip Report is being filed to advise the EPA Removal Program of the existence of possible buried drums being part of the fill material in Silver Lake.

If you have any comments or questions regarding this submittal, please contact me at (617) 589-2115.

Very truly yours,



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Nancy Smith, EPA Site Assessment Manager

